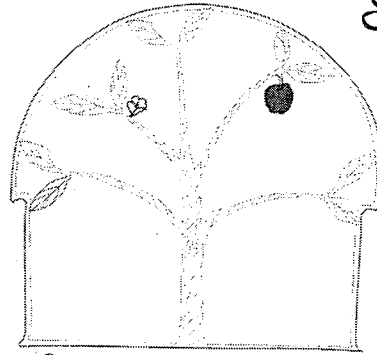


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Orchard Cottage

Guest House

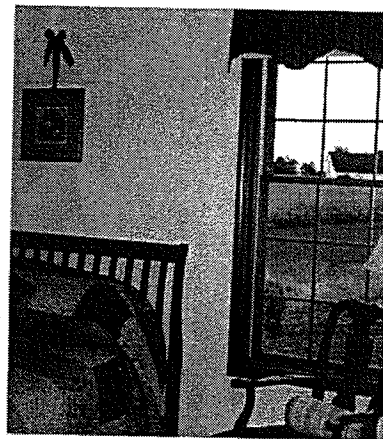
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Heritage Farm

*Come away,
but not too far,
and stay in one of our
two guest rooms each
with private bath.*

*Share a sitting room,
read in the library*

*Stroll the ten acres
watch our garden grow*



*Partake of a
Sumptuous Breakfast*

Governor Scott Walker, State of Wisconsin

Dear Sir:

In hopes that this letter will actually reach your eyes, I am appealing to several aspects of the publicized policies of your administration. You are reported to favor entrepreneurship, green business, and tourism. My modest undertaking fits into all those categories and several more

Having been granted a license to operate as a Bed and Breakfast in 2009, with renewal in 2010, I am now unable to operate as such because of the seemingly arbitrary imposition of a clause instituted in 1992 requiring B&Bs housed in structures constructed after 1990 to be subject to commercial building code.

Orchard Cottage is a very nice property in rural Green County which offers only two double rooms, each with its own bath and sharing a sitting room. We are developing an orchard of heirloom apple varieties, have several other types of fruits, nuts and berries, plans for a small vineyard, a hops plantation, and a lovely kitchen garden of organic heirloom vegetables and herbs.

Previously I operated a successful catering business in Green Bay so the breakfasts served are delicious and built of materials from our own garden and other local suppliers. The grounds are open for recreation and enjoyment with a view of the Blue Mound and the rich variety of wildlife indigenous to the site or en route elsewhere. We are good hosts, eager to share our knowledge of geographic, historic and cultural aspects of our beautiful region.

Suspension of the license to operate seems predicated upon a requirement that buildings erected after 1990 seeking to operate as B&Bs are subject to commercial building code. In point of fact, a clause in DHS code(DHS 197.02) allows the department, that being DHS, to

"approve a modification in that rule for that facility if the department is provided with satisfactory proof that the grant of a variance will not jeopardize the public's health, safety or welfare" there is no stated or implied requirement that commercial code be the standard for this decision in that provision.

A licensed architect has provided careful calculations and annotated plans to the effect this house far exceeds current residential code standards, and our local fire chief has given written affirmation that this property is fully suitable for safe occupancy by guests.

I enclose with this letter a copy of the simple marketing device, a rack card, which tells a bit of our story and undertakes to illustrate the style and quality of the accommodations we have to offer. It would be a pleasure to welcome you to our premises to demonstrate first hand the quality and beauty we have to offer. Our full petition to DHS is also available for your consideration. This is the kind of business which can serve Wisconsin as a representation of natural richness and future vision. Please Help!

Yours sincerely,

Susan Dumbleton, Proprietor, Orchard Cottage

